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PADSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1957

STAFF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1957.

The year has been one essentially of maintaining the existing services to the Town. No improvements have been possible owing to financial restrictions. It was also impossible to make any progress in slum clearance or house replacement. The health of the community from available information appeared to be satisfactory. The amount of notified infectious diseases was very small.

I should like to thank the Council and Staff for their help during the year, and remain,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN REED.

1. STATISTICS

General Statistics

Area in Acres	3,343
Estimated Mid-Year Population	2,900
Number of Inhabited Houses	977
Rateable Value	£30,097
Product of Penny Rate	£118
Comparability Factors	
(a) Births	0.97
(b) Deaths	0.84

Vital Statistics

Live Births

Registered Live Births, 1957

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	32	34	66
Illegitimate	3	1	4
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	35	35	70
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	24.1		
Birth Rate per 1,000 population England & Wales.	16.1		
Comparable Birth Rate	23.37		

Stillbirths

Two stillbirths, one of each sex were notified.

Infant Deaths

Three female infant deaths occurred, all within the first month of life.

Deaths

Registered Deaths, 1957

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
13	19	32





Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	11.03
Death Rate per 1,000 population England & Wales	11.5
Comparable Birth Rate	9.26

#### Chief Causes of Death, 1957

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Heart Disease	5	9
Cerebro Vascular Disease	1	1
Other Circulatory Disease	-	1
Respiratory Diseases (excluding tuberculosis)	-	1
Cancer	4	2
Other causes	3	5
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### II. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### Hospital Service

The Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro and the East Cornwall Hospital, Bodmin, provide for the majority of hospital patients from the district. The nearest maternity unit is in Redruth. Ante-natal and gynaecological patients attend a consultant clinic in Wadebridge.

#### County Council Services

##### Ambulance Service

The district is served by the vehicle maintained by the Padstow Red Cross Detachment and by County Council ambulances based on Bodmin. The service was adequate during the year.

##### Infant Welfare Centre

The Centre was held fortnightly in the Church Rooms, Padstow, for the purpose of advising on child care and for immunisation and vaccination.

##### Home Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting

These are undertaken by two nurses doing combined duties. Both are qualified in the administration of gas and air analgesia.

##### Immunisation and Vaccinations

Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus was available either through the family doctor or the Infant Welfare clinic. Poliomyelitis Vaccination was available through arrangements made by the County Council.

##### Home Help Service

Domestic help was provided on a small scale through the Home Help organiser in Wadebridge.

### III. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

#### Water Supply

The town's supply gave water of satisfactory bacteriological quality during the year. Supplementary supplies were obtained from the Wadebridge De Lank Main during the period 12th June to 27th September, 1957.



Results of Samples, 1957

<u>Date</u>	<u>Probable Coliform</u>	<u>Probable Faecal Coli</u>
30.1.57	0	0
26.4.57	0	0
9.9.57	0	0
9.9.57	2	1
23.9.57	0	0
23.9.57	0	0
9.10.57	0	0
18.11.57	0	0

Sewage Disposal

No extensions or alterations were made to the town's sewerage system.

Refuse Collection

The Credis dump continued in use during the year. The site was subject to improved control and only caused complaint from a nearby farm. The volume of refuse increases greatly during the summer months and a considerable saving in the cost of disposal could be achieved if the large quantities of paper waste and cardboard containers were burned at home.

Sanitary InspectionSummary of Visits

Housing (excluding council houses)	14
Food Premises	12
Other Premises	5
Milk and Dairies	6
Sewerage	13
Caravan Sites	3
Food and Drugs	8
Miscellaneous	11
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IV. FOOD AND DRUGSFood Premises

The number of shops handling food in the district are as follows:-

Bakers	4
Grocers	11
Greengrocers	4
Butchers	3
Fishmongers	3
Cafes	8
Hotels	17

Most of these premises were visited during the year. Pamphlets were distributed indicating the standards to be achieved.





Milk Distributors

Milk is distributed by 7 registered retailers. Several complaints of souring and of dirty bottles were received. Discussion with the manager of the factory concerned secured improvement.

Slaughter Houses

There are no slaughter houses in the district. Condemned food is disposed of on the Council's refuse dump. The amount is small and almost invariably tinned.

V. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Registered premises were inspected and no complaints were received. No outworkers were registered during 1957.

VI. HOUSING

No houses were built by the Council. One house was subject to action under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936, undertaking not to relet being obtained.

VII. PREVALENCE & CONTROL OF  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notified infectious diseases during 1957 were:-

Measles	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis	1

One case of paralytic poliomyelitis was notified but the diagnosis was not confirmed. Contacts and cases of tuberculosis were supervised during the year. Contacts were tuberculin tested and offered B.C.G. vaccination where required. The Mass radiography unit visited Bodmin and all Padstow school children in their final year were offered X-Ray. No significant findings were observed. Children in their 14th year were tuberculin tested and offered B.C.G. vaccination.

